

Kalamazoo Wraps
Integrative Action Team Subcommittee Meeting Report

Subcommittee: Evaluation **Date:** December 7, 2006

Name of Attendee	Organization
Carolyn S	WMU
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If additional input was sought in the community (i.e. youth, families, organizations, etc...) please describe: Carolyn met with Rebecca C and Melanie to discuss the use of the CAFAS in the local evaluation. Angie and Vickie met with the Parent Action Committee to discuss stigma-related issues. Carolyn will discuss the use of the GAIN in the national and local evaluation with Rick S.

Topics Discussed:

- 1) Feedback from the Federation of family's conference
 - a) Informing police officers on how to work with children with SED
 - b) High risk youth who are interested in art. Some locales have scholarships; perhaps locally it is more apropos to local art and other groups to work with youth with SED (as per parent advisory group discussion)
 - c) Maricopa county's red/blue alert, similar to www.timedollar.com
- 2) translating materials into Spanish
- 3) measuring stigma – follow up on parent advisory group discussion
- 4) measuring empowerment of families by the “Targeted Parent Assistance” scale
- 5) Using the CAFAS in treatment and evaluation – is there enough family input into how accurately it assesses an individual?
- 6) Follow up on parent advisory group discussion: is stigma a factor in the difficulty of getting accurate diagnosis?

Conclusions Reached (specific to eval work group):

- 1) We will follow up with KCMSAS authorities re translating materials into Spanish, and seek bilingual interviewers and/or assistant interviewers
- 2) We will meet with the parent support group, drug court, and/or youth re what to measure WRT stigma and/or community awareness. We will also consider other venues such as phone conferences, chat rooms, etc.
- 3) We will follow up re using “Targeted Parent Assistance” to assess ASK
- 4) We will look into Social Network Analysis as well as other measures as a way of assessing integration of services (longer term goal)

- 5) We will have every other meeting on Thurs evenings (6-7:30pm) so that more parents and youth can attend.
- 6) We should follow up with Kay Hodges re using the CAFAS in treatment and evaluation
- 7) Carolyn will discuss the use of the GAIN in the national and local evaluation with Rick S. on Dec 8.

Recommendations to the Integrative Action Team:

- 1) We can look for someone to train police officers how to work with youth with SED
- 2) We can also look into trainings for local art clubs and other groups (e.g., Parks & Rec) to work with youth with SED.
- 3) It was mentioned that other work groups also have problems WRT scheduling. Alternating daytime and evening meetings can help. Other venues such as phone conferences, chat rooms, etc., can also help broaden our scope.
- 4) Would something similar to Maricopa County's red/blue alert or www.timedollar.com be appropriate for Kalamazoo Wraps?
- 5) Several parents felt very strongly that stigma played a part in the difficulty of getting an accurate diagnosis. Others believed that other factors were more salient in why diagnosis is so difficult. In any case, it is clear that the difficulty of getting an accurate diagnosis and effective treatment is frustrating for parents. Perhaps local M.D.'s and therapists should put together a presentation or brochure as to some of the reasons why it is so difficult to make an accurate diagnosis? This can be part of the social marketing campaign.

Submitted by: Carolyn S **Date:** 12/7/06

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